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## *Tuition fees to be increased*

Tuition fees will be increased, although the amount of the increase has not yet been finally determined.

The University's Board of Governors has agreed to the increase, as an "undesirable but necessary measure" to balance the budget next year. Both the Governors and the General Faculty Council were forced to choose between decreasing the quality of instruction, or increasing tuition fees, and felt the latter was the only course open to them.

The amount of the increase may not be known for some time. Fees charged by provincial universities are subject to the approval of the Universities Commission, but before going to the Commission the University wants to conduct informal negotiations with The University of Calgary, so that a joint proposal to the Commission may be made.

Suggestions about the amount of the fee increase are, at this point, "quite hypothetical," a member of the President's staff said. "Until we have talked to The University of Calgary, and secured the approval of the Universities Commission, we simply do not know what the fee structure will be."

The Governors' motion approving the increase said they were "deeply concerned that every qualified student in Alberta should have the opportunity to attend the University, and most reluctant to take any steps which would prevent any such students from doing so."

The General Faculty Council agreed at a recent meeting that "in the absence of a provincial government grant in the amount requested by the Board of Governors" the only alternative to decreasing the quality of instruction and research would be to raise tuition fees, and that "under the circumstances (the Council) recommends that tuition be increased by the minimum amount necessary to maintain the present level of quality in instruction and research."

The Council felt there must be a "clarification of the policy of the Government of the Province of Alberta with respect to the extent to which tuition fees should contribute toward the cost of University education." The Council hoped that "appropriate measures" would be taken by the government "to eliminate the need for an increase in tuition fees."

The Council spelled out its own policy on the matter, saying "education is basic to the development of human resources in the province and the nation and should be a high priority item of governments . . . the earning power of students while attending University does not appear to have increased at a proportionate rate to their general living costs . . . an increase in tuition fees would constitute a retrograde step by making it more difficult because of financial barriers for capable students to further their education."

The higher fees will be in effect for the 1968 Summer Session.

## *Ph.D. fees increased*

Fees for Ph.D. candidates will be increased five dollars, it was announced following the recent meeting of the Board of Governors.

The increase will cover the cost of indexing and microfilming of all theses which will then be placed on file in the National Library of Canada.

Theses are to be submitted unbound to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for forwarding to Ottawa.

## *Residence rates to be increased*

Residence rates at the University will be higher next year.

Higher costs of operation—services, wages, food prices—have forced the Board of Governors to "very reluctantly" approve the increase. The cost of room and board in the residences for unmarried students will go up to \$95.00 (from \$90.00) per month.

Rentals at Michener Park will be increased \$10.00, and will range from \$118.00 to \$122.00 per month for a two-bedroom apartment. The rate includes all utilities (except telephone) in the development for married students.

There had been speculation that much higher increases might be necessary for both types of accommodation. By continuing to sustain a small loss the University has been able to keep the increases to \$5.00 and \$10.00 respectively, but officials feel it is necessary to maintain a "reasonably close" relationship between costs and revenues in the housing operations.

The increased rates will be effective July 1, 1968.

## *Staff news*

Dr. H. T. Coutts, Professor and Dean of Education, and Dr. L. R. Gue, Associate Professor of Educational Administration, returned from Thailand earlier this month, where they consulted with the four Canadian advisors of the Comprehensive School Project in that country.

They also met with staffs at schools in Nakorn Rajasima, Khon-Kaen and other Comprehensive Schools. Dr. Coutts reports that there are problems, but there is also progress.

The visit of Dr. Coutts and Dr. Gue coincided with visits to southern Alberta of the students of the Thailand Project. The students observed administrative procedures, curricula and guidance techniques in the area for one week.

Dr. Hu Harries, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce, has been invited by the World Bank to advise the Government of Pakistan about developing a natural gas industry.

The work will extend over the next year, and will include an examination of the operation of the industry, and the legislation necessary for its encouragement and control. Dr. Harries will make three trips to Rawalpindi, the first one February 26.

Dr. Frank Weichman, Associate Professor of Physics, has received a grant of \$10,000 from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to promote international co-operation in copper oxide research. Dr. Weichman will go to the University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France, in March for a meeting on the project. The University of Arizona, Tempe, is also participating.

Dr. Helen Liebel-Weckowicz, Associate Professor of History, presented a paper, "Enlightened Despotism and the Crisis of Society in Germany," at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association.

Dr. W. H. Vanden Born, Associate Professor of Plant Science, delivered a paper entitled "Uptake and release of dicamba by oat coleoptile sections" at the annual meeting of the Weed Science Society of America in New Orleans, earlier this month.

Dr. R. V. Nyberg, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology, will serve as a measurement consultant in the development of a national English test. The test will form part of a Canadian university entrance examination being prepared by the Service for Admission to College and University.

Dr. F. J. Boersma, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology, is continuing his pilot study on "Eye Movements and Pupillary Responses in Retarded and Normal Children," in association with the Centre for the Study of Mental Retardation.

Four staff members have been awarded grants of less than \$5,000 to pursue special research projects in the coming year, the Canada Council announced recently.

Dr. Baha Abu-Laban, Associate Professor of Sociology, has received a supplement to the grant he first received in 1966. This will enable him to continue his study of the adolescent sub-culture in Lebanon.

Dr. Neville Linton, Associate Professor of Political Science, will use his grant to make a study of the one-party government in Tanzania.

Dr. John Orrell, Assistant Professor of English, has received a supplement which will enable him to continue his research on television drama scripts. He is in London on sabbatical leave this year, where he has already begun the project.

Dr. George A. Rothrock, Associate Professor of History, will use his grant for research in pre-revolutionary French military history during his sabbatical next year in Paris.

### *Two blocks in Garneau to be cleared*

The Board of Governors has approved the immediate acquisition of the few houses it does not now own in two city blocks in the Garneau area, so that demolition may begin.

The blocks are number 178, bounded by 88 and 89 Avenues, and 111 and 112 Streets, and number 182, bounded by 90 and 91 Avenues, and 111 and 112 Streets. The land is needed for the University's proposed expansion into the residential area immediately east of the present campus. (The block lying between 178 and 182 was cleared several months ago, and is now a temporary parking lot.)

The University now owns virtually all of the houses on these two blocks, and is using several of them for temporary office accommodation. Others are rented as residences and co-operative houses on a short term basis. The University is negotiating for the purchase of the six private houses it does not own, for the purchase of one fraternity house, and one commercial building.

It is also negotiating with the City of Edmonton for title to part of 112 Street.

Some construction is anticipated for the late fall this year. Most of the houses will be demolished soon after July 1. More than 10,000 feet of floor space will be needed to accommodate University offices using the old houses at the present time.

Between the time the houses are demolished, and the commencement of permanent construction, the area will be available for automobile parking.

### *Reeves memorial to be held*

A memorial service for the late Dr. A. W. Reeves will be held Friday, March 1, at 4:30 p.m., in Convocation Hall.

Until his death in late January in Palo Alto, California, Dr. Reeves was Professor and Head of the Department of Educational Administration here. He was on sabbatical leave at Stanford University at the time of his death.

He was long associated with the betterment of education in Alberta—both with the Government of Alberta and the University. Government and University officials will participate in the memorial service.

### *Historian to speak*

Professor T. F. Carney, Head of the Department of History, University of Manitoba, will lecture here on Thursday, February 29.

He will speak on "How Suetonius' *Lives* Reflect on Hadrian"—a discussion of the discovery of bias in history and in the writings of historians—at 8:30 p.m. in Room TBL-1 of the Henry Marshall Tory Building.

Professor Carney will be a guest on campus Thursday and Friday, February 29 and March 1.

### *Medical Education pilot project begins*

A pilot project using radio as the communication medium is being sponsored by the Department of Continuing Medical Education.

A series of five one-hour broadcasts will be made over radio station CKUA to doctors throughout the province, beginning February 25.

Paediatrics, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Rehabilitation Medicine will be among topics.

Prior to each broadcast doctors will receive brochures and case summaries outlining the show's contents, and will have time to review this material before the instructional broadcast. The program will begin with a discussion of the case by a member of the Medical Faculty. Telephone lines will then be opened to physicians in the audience to allow them to ask questions concerning the subject under discussion.

### *Visitors*

Valdemar N. L. Johnson, regional Consul General of the United States of America, of Calgary, was a visitor to the University last week.

H. N. Thakur, Deputy Director of the Central Bureau of Statistics in the Kingdom of Nepal, will study in the Sociology Department for the next three months under Dr. Karol Krotki, Professor of Sociology.

Mr. Thakur is a United Nations Fellow who was assigned to Dr. Krotki when the latter was a Senior Demographer in the Census Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. When Dr. Krotki joined the University faculty in January, Mr. Thakur accompanied him to Edmonton to complete his fellowship.

Dr. Paul Nash, Professor of Education at Boston University, spoke to students in the Faculty of Education on teacher education last week. His visit was sponsored by the Department of Educational Foundations.

### *Correction*

Three members of the faculty were inadvertently promoted to positions they already held, in the February 1 edition of FOLIO.

All three had instead been granted tenure. The list should have read:

#### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Dr. Arthur Kratzman, Professor and Head, appointed without definite term, July 1, 1968.

#### MCEACHERN LABORATORY

Dr. Taiki Tamaoki, Assistant Professor, appointed without definite term, July 1, 1968.

#### PHYSIOLOGY

Dr. Lloyd George Stephens-Newsham, Associate Professor, appointed without definite term, July 1, 1968.

### *Faculty Club*

An open house will be held March 30 at the Faculty Club to celebrate completion of renovations to the building, from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. No charge will be made for hors d'oeuvres and the celebration toast.

Other events for March include a Western Night, March 1; a German Night, March 8; and a Toast to the Irish, March 15.

### *Personal notices*

Staff members may forward notices to reach the Editor two weeks prior to publication. They must be typed, and not exceed 35 words (including heading). Advertisements received will be published at the Editor's discretion.

WANTED TO BUY—Faculty member wishes to buy 2-bedroom house in Windsor Park. Contact School of Library Science. Telephone 432-4578.

WANTED TO RENT—Suite or house, 2-bedroom, near the University. For faculty member joining staff on August 1 for 2 years. Contact School of Library Science. Telephone 432-4578.



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